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UNUTILISED MPLAD FUNDS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge amount of MPLAD`s fund remains unspent with Districts Collectors;

(b) if so, the details in this regard during each of the last three years;

(c) the breakup of unutilised funds vis-`-vis Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha members;

(d) the steps taken/being taken to utilise these unspent funds;

(e) whether a proposal is pending for withdrawal of MPLAD allocation to Rajya Sabha Members; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING,MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) According to the information available on 31.03.2003, the unspent balance of MPLADS funds with Districts Heads was Rs. 2225.10 crore. This amounts to 21.2% of the funds released since the inception of the scheme.

(b) The unspent balance of MPLADS funds at the end of each of the last three years was as under:-

As on Unspent Balance

31.3.2001 Rs. 2448.31 crore
31.3.2002 Rs. 2287.62 crore
31.3.2003 Rs. 2225.10 crore

(c) The desired break up is given below:

As on	Lok Sabha MPs	Rajya Sabha MPs
Rs. crore	Rs. crore	
31.3.2001	1646.35	801.96
31.3.2002	1510.22	777.40
31.3.2003	1409.22	815.88

(d) State Governments and UT Administrations have been requested to issue instructions to their District Heads to give top priority to the works under the MPLAD Scheme. They have also been advised to ensure that the funds allotted to the implementing agencies are kept in separate savings accounts with nationalized banks for easy availability. The District Heads have been advised to hold review meetings at frequent intervals to sort out implementational problems and ensure better utilization. There has been a progressive improvement in the cumulative expenditure as a percentage of the cumulative release of funds under the Scheme from 54.6% on 31.3.1998 to 78.8% on 31.3.2002.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.